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City Reviews Social Services Budget for CARES and GAIL

by Virginia Beauchamp

The major segment of the Greenbelt City Council's budget worksession on Monday, April 16 was devoted to a presentation by Greenbelt CARES. Speaking first for the organization was its Director of Social Services Dr. Liz Park, who described a number of ongoing and varied activities carried out by the longtime city agency. Under a Livable Communities grant, for example, and with the assistance of bilingual counselors, CARES worked with seven Spanish-speaking families in Springhill Lake.

The Family Clinic, with seven co-therapy teams, offered in-service training for nine graduate interns from universities in the region – American University, George Mason and the University of Maryland. Because this service is funded by state and federal grants, it is provided to residents of the county at large, not just to Greenbelters.

Among special groups the agency supports is one on anger management and one on emotion management. In addition CARES participated in a national depression screening day and a stress management workshop event.

CARES also works with youth discussion groups at three schools in the city – Springhill Lake Elementary, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt

High School. CARES held a tutoring camp for lessons in mathematics, language arts and science and conducted GED preparation courses for local youth and adults. CARES also provides babysitting training for Greenbelt youth including one Girl Scout troop.

On its staff is a new volunteer coordinator who deals with eviction problems for city residents. This year the agency also co-hosted a conference on homelessness.

GAIL Program

Christal Parker Batey, the community resource advocate who is responsible for the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL), described how an increasing clientele is stretching her ability to meet the needs of a problem group. "We have now hit the 500 client mark," she said.

She described how a single case could be so complicated and stressful it may occupy her attention for most of a day. "A case-load of only five intensive cases can take up to 20 hours of staff time a week," the written report for the budget document notes.

Through an arrangement with a nurses' training program at Bowie State University, a limited amount of short-term home care, such as assistance with in-

oculations and bathing, was provided to a few elderly Greenbelt residents – typically 20 clients – with each nurse trainee taking responsibility for two.

Such assistance occurs on a semester-by-semester basis, however, with program content changing as the students proceed through their curriculum. For example, after providing elder-care service in one semester, the nursing program focused on pediatric health care the next, with bilingual services for 350 children in Springhill Lake.

Batey foresees a growing need for case management personnel and in-home psychiatric services as the aging population in the city continues to expand. She notes that younger cohorts – those in their late 40s and 50s – already evidence more problems than has been true for those still older.

Mayor Davis said that the city must adjust to a changing population. Seniors now make up about 11 percent of the city's population, she said.

Batey said that many of the older group are isolated, unable "to come in for help." A county program that used to provide help for this population has been phased out as federal funds have been cut, she added. She asked

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New Green Public Works Facility Excites the Director

by Diane Oberg

On Wednesday, April 18 the Greenbelt City Council met to review the Public Works budget. The department accounts for just over 12 percent of city expenditures in City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008, which begins on July 1. Expenditures for the department would increase just 1.9 percent under McLaughlin's proposal. City refuse collection fees would increase \$12 per year.

Council added nothing to its wish list at this worksession. One item long on Director of Public Works Kenny Hall's wish list, however, is moving closer to fruition. In what he called, "The greatest news I've gotten in 10 years," he told council that the long-awaited new Public Works facility is now out to bid. He worried, though, that due to increased costs, the city may not have funds enough to construct the design that was created six years ago.

The prediction of higher costs did not seem to phase the councilmembers. Mayor Judith Davis said that only building parts of the plan would diminish the whole. "We don't want to do this on the cheap," she said.

Councilmember Konrad Herling said that one of the most expensive parts was likely to be the thermal heating, which he called a great design. Councilmember Leta Mach concurred, noting that the thermal design would reduce operating costs in the long term, which council should factor into its thinking.

While council spent most of the meeting asking questions and discussing department operations, few issues related to the budget. The biggest one was referenced by employee Karl Skaggs who noted the many rumors swirling around concerning the gains obtained through collective bargaining by the Fraternal Order

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SHA Confident ICC Work Will Begin this Autumn

by Elaine Skolnik

Although faced with three lawsuits opposing construction of the controversial Intercounty Connector (ICC), the State Highway Administration (SHA) is confident that work on the first leg of the project will proceed as planned.

"Nothing in these suits precludes us from moving forward," said SHA spokesperson David Buck. He expressed confidence that the courts would not stop the project "from going full speed ahead. We would be remiss if we did otherwise."

Rick Abbruzzese, spokesperson for Governor Martin O'Malley, told the News Review that the Governor supports the ICC and "does not plan to revisit the ICC, a project that has been studied for decades and is a much needed road."

Another Look

Apparently the letter sent to the Governor from some 31 Maryland state senators and delegates requesting a time-out on the ICC and for the state to stop all actions aimed at taking people's homes and land, has not yet moved the governor to "stop and take another look." The legislators based their letter on the two current federal lawsuits (not yet heard in the courts) opposing the ICC, Maryland's budget crisis and the state's growing list of transportation needs.

Buck noted that the deferral of certain funds for the ICC in the budget does not affect the highway's work timetable.

Neither Buck nor Abbruzz-

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The Annual Green Man Festival Opens with Art Auction May 6

by Jeremy Mohler

Everyone will get a chance to promote environmental activism at Greenbelt's 3rd Annual Green Man Festival in the Center on May 6, 12 and 13. The festival is a celebration of Greenbelt's commitment to preserve its many acres of forests and is an attempt to connect the folklore of ancient civilizations with a present-day commitment to sustaining the environment.

The festival will feature music and art mainly from local artists but will include acts from as far away as Ireland.

The Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) will kick off the festival on May 6 by sponsoring "The Art of Healing the Chesapeake Bay Watershed" benefit fundraiser at the New Deal Café on Centerway. The benefit will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. and will include a light buffet, music, dance, poetry and a presentation about the contribution made by CHEARS to the local environment. Tickets are available in advance and at the door. Artwork will be auctioned off from the start of the event and



continuing to May 27.

After the opening program there will be a free artists' reception from 7 to 9 p.m. at the same location. Throughout the evening post card paper quilts that depict images of healing the Chesapeake Bay will be featured.

The festival's mascot, the "green man," has traces in almost every civilization since the shrouded early days of humanity. In representing the natural world, similar to the way "mother nature" represents Earth, the "green man" has made his way through time in

folklore, songs, stone carvings on cathedrals and window paintings in humble cottages. The "green man" now represents a concern for the environment and a reminder that people need nature to go about their everyday lives.

The following weekend, the festival continues with an early-bird breakfast and film presentation at the Greenbelt Theater in Roosevelt Center from 8:45 a.m. to noon on both Saturday and Sunday. Films will include "The End of Suburbia," "Meet Your Meat" and the "Future of Food." The global warming documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," will be shown in front of the Greenbelt Community Center later in the afternoon.

Also on both days, musicians will perform at various times, a mural will be constructed called "Where's the Green Man?" and an exhibit on eco-friendly gardening techniques and products will be displayed. A full schedule of each day's events can be found at www.greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org. The festival will be held, rain or shine.

What Goes On

Saturday, April 28

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard
2 to 6 p.m., Celebration of Spring, SHL Recreation Center

Monday, April 30

7:30 p.m., City Council Budget Worksession with Public Safety, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, May 2

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Greenbelt Youth Center, Conference Room

7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession re: NASA/GSFC Briefing on Master Plan

8 p.m., Council Meeting with New Deal Café Board, Community Center

Friday, May 4

6 p.m., It's Municipal Government 2007 (6th Graders), Community Center

May Artful Afternoon Has East Meets West Theme

On Sunday, May 6 the next Artful Afternoon will feature award-winning Chinese puppeteer Hua Hua Zhang performing “East Meets West.” The show is performed with Chinese traditional dance and with string puppets, hand puppets and rod puppets. The May Artful Afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. will also include a Maypole dance, the puppet workshop, the College Park Youth Choir, museum tours and artists’ open studios.

Puppet Theater

At 3 p.m. enjoy the magic of “East Meets West: Chinese Puppet Theater” when Hua Hua, here from China, touches hearts, tickles funny bones and leaves watchers wide-eyed and cheering. Laugh with the comical and lazy emperor pig Zhu Ba Jie, wonder at the beauty of the captive maiden of Moon Dreams and marvel at other fanciful characters based on Chinese folk tales and inspired by Hua Hua’s experiences in the United States. A master puppet artist trained in string, rod, hand puppets and masks, Hua Hua has delighted audiences with award-winning whimsical characters at the Philadelphia Fringe Festival, Jim Henson International Festival of Puppet Arts, France’s World of Puppetry Festival and many theaters, schools and libraries. To learn more about Hua Hua, visit her website at www.huahuaaz.com. “East Meets West” is a family-oriented production for audiences of all ages.

Before the puppet show, from 1 to 3 p.m. participants can make their own puppet based on Chinese animal characters with Artist-in-residence Pam Hagerhorst. Attendees will also discover birth signs based on the year in which they were born.

Maypole Dancing

At 2 p.m. there will be a Maypole Dance celebrating spring, with dancers age 8 to adult who practiced in advance for this special event. They will demonstrate the dance, then invite everyone to join the fun.

Youth Choir

At 2:30 p.m. the College Park Youth Choir will perform a selection of Celtic tunes under the direction of Greenbelter Christopher Fominaya. Spirits soar with the enthusiasm of more than 30 youngsters, ages 5 to 11, lifting their voices together. The College Park Youth Choir is a program of the College Park Arts Exchange. Fominaya teaches music at University Park Elementary School and has served as musical director for Prince George’s Summer Teen Theater, Greenbelt Arts



Award-winning Chinese puppeteer Hua Hua Zhang performing her acclaimed show “East Meets West.”

Center and Creative Kids Camp. He earned his B.M. in music education at Shenandoah University/Conservatory and is well regarded for his rich bass voice.

Each month’s Artful Afternoon offers open studios, giving art fans of all ages an opportunity to talk to the artists-in-residence as they demonstrate their work (3rd floor, 1 to 5 p.m.). Those attending will see whimsical sculpture displays scattered throughout the center that were created by community members at previous events.

From 1 to 5 p.m. the historic 1930s home operated by the Greenbelt Museum at 10-B Crescent Road will be open for tours.

Artful Afternoons are held the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. with hands-on art projects, performances, open studios and more. These programs recently won the Maryland Municipal League’s Award for Excellence and are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt, with support from the Maryland State Arts Council, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Prince George’s Arts Council and the P.G. Super Circle.

For more information visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/ARTS or call Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062. Artful Afternoons are free for all ages and are held from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

African Drumming At UMCP on May 3

Amadou Kouyate, director, and Hueman Prophets and Farafina Kan, special guest artists, join UM student drummers in celebration of the eternal spirit of music through the rhythms and melodies of the diembe orchestra, an African drum ensemble. The free program takes place on Thursday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kay Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland.

Letters

Hearing Gunshots?

I have been hearing the popping of gunshots recently and I know this concerns other “old Greenbelt” residents. One source of gunshots is the Prince George’s County Trap and Skeet Center on Good Luck Road in Glenn Dale, which is about four miles from Greenbelt (driving distance). This county facility has lights and shooting may occur as late as 8:30 p.m. during the week. A shooting tournament will be held there on Friday, May 4 from 5 to 8 p.m.

In trap shooting participants use a shotgun to attempt to break a clay disk. The loudness of a shotgun can vary based upon the size of the gun and the type of gunpowder in the load (meaning the shell). How far away shots can be heard also depends on the weather. If the sky is overcast, the clouds act as a ceiling so that sound will travel out farther than if the sky is clear. It is possible for Greenbelt residents to hear these shots even though the Prince George’s County Trap and Skeet Center is miles away.

Other sources of gunshots include the Secret Service training center off the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the shooting range used by the Greenbelt police.

If you hear gunshots and are concerned, call the Greenbelt Police Department and report it.

Sheila Alpers

Asian-Pacific Group Celebrates Heritage

Celebrate Asian and Pacific Islander traditions at the Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Reception on Friday, May 4 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Newton White Mansion, 2708 Enterprise Road in Mitchellville.

The mansion will be decorated with fans, parasols, and plum blossoms to honor Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Enjoy Asian snacks while watching authentic dances of Japan, China, Korea, the Philippines and Hawaii. Visit the henna artist for an Indian-style hand decoration.

Admission is free and reservations are recommended. This event is for ages 14 and older.

For information call 301-454-1450, TTY 301-454-1472.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF April 27

Lives of Others (R)

No passes or coupons accepted.

Friday

*4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday

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Sunday

*2:15, *4:45, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

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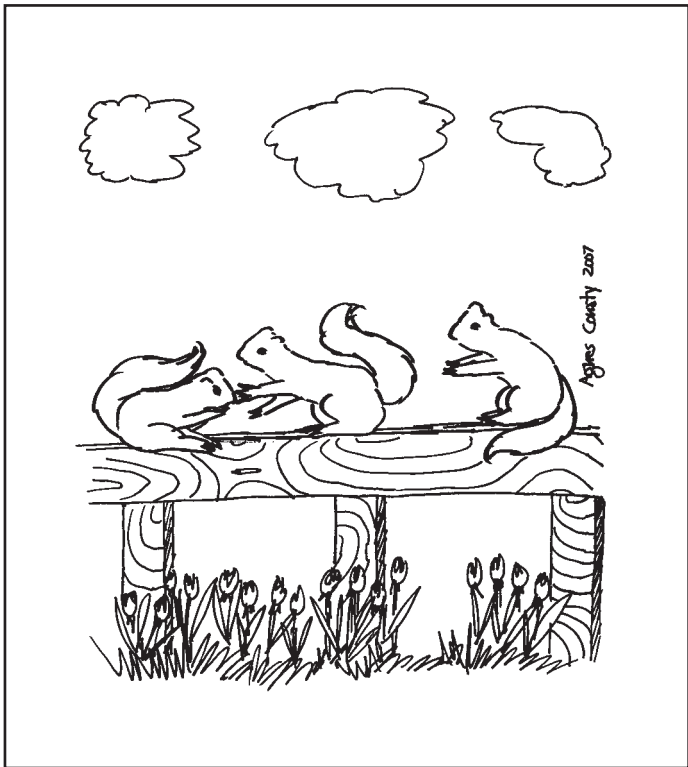
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Aviation Museum Shows Family Movie

The College Park Aviation Museum’s family movie will feature “Spiderman” on Friday, May 4 at 1 p.m. Families are invited to enjoy watching the birth of a superhero as he swings from building to building in order to catch his archenemy the Green Goblin. Movies, popcorn and lemonade are free with regular museum admission. An adult must accompany all children.

The College Park Aviation Museum is located at 1985 Col. Frank Scott Drive in College Park. For more information www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com or call 301-864-6429, TTY 301-864-4765.

Hard Bargain Farm’s Spring Farm Festival

The Alice Ferguson Foundation will open the Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Center for its free Annual Spring Farm Festival and Plant Sale on Saturday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All are invited to celebrate the arrival of spring at the 350-acre farm on the Potomac River shore in Accokeek, 10 miles from the Beltway. Come enjoy live music, BBQ, animal exhibits, arts, crafts and great old-time farm traditions. There will be fun for kids and the entire family.

For more information, call 301-292-5665 or visit www.fergusonfoundation.org for details.

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New Deal Café Announces

A Vacancy on the Board of Directors

Those interested in applying should write a letter of intent stating their qualifications and reasons they wish to serve. Place letter in the suggestion box at the Café by May 11.

Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes

Tuesday, May 1, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, May 2, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, May 3, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

City Dinner Theater Trip Has Openings

“Clue the Musical” is at the Allenberry Dinner Theater in Boiling Springs, Pa. The city Recreation Department will be making a bus trip to the Allenberry on Thursday, May 17 and still has 10 open spots for anyone wishing to participate on this globetrotting trip. All ages are welcome. Based on the popular board game Clue, this is a rousing, fun-filled musical that brings the world’s best-known mystery suspects to life on the stage. It has comic antics, witty lyrics and a beguiling score that carry the investigation from room to room. This is a show for the whole family.

Those who are interested in participating must register at the Greenbelt Community Center.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

John Cahill Explores Mythological Opera

On Friday, May 4 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by John Cahill as he again takes participants on an exploration of mythological opera. This program will examine the role of Greco-Roman mythology in opera beginning with the 17th century and proceeding into great works of the 20th century. The composers will include Lully, Monteverdi, Gluck, Handel, Mozart and Richard Strauss. Some of the greatest singers of the day will appear in video excerpts from the operas of these composers.

Cahill has B.A. and M.A. degrees and has been teaching a variety of courses in Adult Continuing Education programs in several county public school systems and community colleges in Maryland, including the SAGE program for Prince George’s Community College. Some of the courses he has taught include Ancient and Biblical Greek, Classical and Ecclesiastical Latin, Classical Mythology in the Arts, Latin and Greek Etymology, Ancient Greek Civilization and Opera.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the senior classroom, room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Free Body Mass Index Screening

Nursing students from Bowie State University will offer free Body Mass Index (BMI) screening at Green Ridge House on Tuesday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The BMI is a screening tool used to measure an individual’s weight in relation to his/her height.

According to current research, individuals with high or low BMI are at greater risk for developing health problems. Health promotion pamphlets will be provided.

Green Ridge House is at 22 Ridge Road. For more information call the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program at 301-474-8000, ext. 2012.

Try Maypole Dance For Artful Afternoon

People from age 8 to adult are invited to a free workshop the week before the upcoming May Artful Afternoon, on Sunday, April 29 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to practice for the Maypole Dance. Call 301-397-2208 to pre-register for the workshop (activity 233212-1) or for more information.

Workshop participants will demonstrate their dance at the following Sunday’s Artful Afternoon, May 6 at 2 p.m., then invite everyone to join the fun.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

We’ve blown out the candles, eaten the cake, taken down the balloons and have lots of good memories of the 50th anniversary luncheon on April 18 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Greenbelt. It takes teamwork to produce an affair of this size. The captain of our team was President Ellie Rimar and the members were Pauline Bordas, Solange Hess, Flo Holly, Shirleyann Egenreider, Pearl Siegel, Esther Robinson, Dorothea Leslie and Bunny Fitzgerald. Ima Davis and Bill Souser were the computer people and Bill was also the photographer.

The room was very festive, the food tasty and the “New Dimensions” singing group was enjoyed by all. Their peppy presentation of Americana songs had the audience joining in and singing along.

The toastmaster was Jim Giese and Mayor Judith Davis presented a proclamation to the club. A good time was had by all!

Many thanks to everyone who made this a success. Now the Golden Age Club can stay active for another 50 years.

GHI Notes

Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Woodlands bird walk sponsored by the Woodlands Committee

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative (GGI) Open House at Roosevelt Center sponsored by the Green Ribbon Task Force

Monday, April 30, 7 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee meeting

Tuesday, May 1, 7 p.m., GGI Steering Committee meeting

Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m., Investment Committee meeting, followed immediately by Finance Committee meeting

Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Woodlands bird walk sponsored by the Woodlands Committee

Except where otherwise noted, events take place in the GHI Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open meetings; members are encouraged to attend.

Get 31-cent Scoops At Baskin-Robbins

Baskin-Robbins will kick off the summer season on Wednesday, May 2 from 5 to 10 p.m. with a nationwide benefit for fallen firefighters by offering a special 31-Cent Scoop Night celebration.

Ice cream lovers have an opportunity to enjoy a 2.5 oz. scoop of their favorite Baskin-Robbins flavor for 31 cents while helping to pay tribute to firefighter heroes.

Baskin-Robbins will support firefighters with a donation of \$100,000 to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and will help raise additional funds for local firehouses by inviting fire departments to collect donations at the store event.

NFFF is also the recipient of a \$250,000 grant by the Dunkin’ Brands Community Foundation, the parent company of Baskin-Robbins and Dunkin’ Donuts.

The Greenbelt Baskin-Robbins at Beltway Plaza is one of the 40 participating Baskin-Robbins stores in the Washington, D.C., metro area. To find other Baskin-Robbins locations in the area, visit www.baskinrobbins.com.

Scholarship Reminder

Monday, April 30 is the last day for student residents of Greenbelt to apply for a Prince George’s County Municipal one-year scholarship. For information call Michael Leszez at 301-725-5300 ext. 120.

Musical Variety At New Deal Café

On Saturday, April 28 from 8 to 11 p.m. the New Deal will host an evening of Russian rock music by 95 Blues Berry Way. 95 Blues Berry Way is a Russian-American rock band created in 2000 by a group of musicians who live along the I-95 corridor from Washington, D.C., to New York City. Although they sing mainly in Russian, their performances include songs in English and other languages and their repertoire includes ballads, blues, rock-n-roll and bossa nova, as well as jazz, folk and country pieces.

Sunday, April 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. brings Georgie Jessup & Bigger Love, an American Indian Rocker with the lyrical expressiveness of John Mellencamp or Bruce Springsteen.

Friday, May 4 from 8 to 11 p.m. Hillbilly Junction plays bluegrass and country done the old fashioned way, with roots in Washington acoustic music going back almost 40 years.

Next Saturday, May 5 from 8 to 11 p.m. Mike Elosh, true American roots songwriter, will perform. Elosh’s songs are each a little story that takes listeners to another place, sometimes rough and sometimes smooth.

Join Great American Cleanup Day

Paint a picnic table, help with trash pickup or help clean the Still Creek watershed as Greenbelt Park celebrates the Great American Cleanup on Sunday, May 6. Participants are asked to RSVP at 301-344-3944. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area of Greenbelt Park at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information call 301-344-3944 or see the park website at www.nps.gov/gree.

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road, near Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. There will be giveaways courtesy of Sport Honda of Silver Spring.



Baseball Signups

Players ages 13-15 call Mark at 301 793-0097

Players 16-18 call Bob at 301 345-1033

More community events announcements can be found on page 5.

Immigration Is Topic For Genealogy Group

At its meeting on Tuesday, May 1 from 7 to 9 p.m., the Prince George’s County Genealogical Society speaker will be Richard Camaur, J.D., speaking on “A Survey of U.S. Immigration and Naturalization.” The meeting will be held at the Greenbelt Public Library (11 Crescent Road) and will begin with a brief business meeting to update attendees on upcoming activities. Afterward there will be a short refreshment break, then Camaur’s presentation.

Park in the rear of the library and use the ground-level entrance. Guests are always welcome. For more information call 301-262-2063 (on Wednesdays only).

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Week of April 27

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Mishkan Torah’s 4th Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale & Boutique

Sunday, May 6, 2007, 11 AM – 3 PM

Vintage & Costume Jewelry
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Obituaries

Diane King

Diane King, 45, died after a long illness on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, in Georgetown University Hospital.



The daughter of the late Charles and Ann Ladnier, Diane grew up in Greenbelt. She attended St. Hugh's School, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She and her husband Raymond met early in life and were married 25 years on March 19. They spent their early married life in Colorado but returned to the home and family they loved in Greenbelt.

Diane was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband Raymond; children Melanie Adams and her husband Ryan of Savannah, Ga., Raymond, Jr., of Hickam AFB, Haw., and Jerriann and Amanda of the home; two brothers Charles and his wife Patti Ladnier of Greenbelt and Peter Ladnier of Harper's Ferry, W.Va.; sister Mary Lou and her husband Mark Nishan of Germantown, Md.; two grandchildren Talyn and Gavin Adams; and nieces and nephews Brian, Lisa and Anthony Ladnier, Brandon and Lindsay Nishan and John Michael and Paul King of Cinnaminson, N.J.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Tuesday, April 24. Burial was in George Washington Cemetery, Adelphi.

Photo taken by Olan Mills.

Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteers

Meals on Wheels of College Park (which delivers meals to Greenbelt) is desperately in need of volunteers to drive, deliver meals or work in the kitchen.

Meals on Wheels is located in the kitchen of the United Methodist Church at the corner of Rhode Island and Hollywood Avenues. To volunteer, call 301-474-1002 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Volunteer for as little as two hours a week or more if possible. Meal recipients often have no other contact all day.

Baha'i Faith

"The well-being of mankind, its peace and security, are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established."
— Bahá'u'lláh

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2918 301-220-3160
www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org



Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SERVE BREAKFAST
AT S.O.M.E.
Sunday, April 29
Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

In Memoriam

Greenbelt Girl Leaves Behind a Legacy of Love

Greenbelt lost one of its own in the death of Diane King last week at the much-too-early age of 45. She was raised in Greenbelt and spent most of her life here except for the eight years that she and her family lived in Colorado. There are many words and phrases to describe Diane. The key word for me is "friend." She was a friend of mine, and judging by the packed church for her funeral this past Tuesday, she was friends with a lot of people. That's what we children of Greenbelt do – show up for our friends and extended Greenbelt family. You had to wait your turn to enter the funeral home the night before as well.

I first knew Diane when she was between the ages of 10 to 16, which were the years that I lived in 3 Court of Research. In the midst of raising my own family with two young children at the time, I don't remember much of my time with Diane then. But she did! So, there's a second term... "a great memory." She would tell people all the time how I had helped her so much when she was little, because she didn't have a Dad. My daughter Leigh noted that Diane also remembered her and made a big deal out of it when Leigh would come back into town to visit us. Diane made a big deal out of everybody she knew. I renewed a more adult friendship with Diane in later years when I started attending the Greenbelt American Legion. Diane was a regular there as well and is remembered for participating in the Dart League among other events.

Diane was a "good-time starter," ready to celebrate the good things in her life or the good things in yours. Her face was most often dominated by her ever present smile, accompanied by that deep and quick laugh. She was a "hugger," too, of course. In her photo display Diane was always holding someone – Ray, her children/grandchildren, a friend. In the few photos where she was standing alone, she looked out of place, unnatural. She was a "cheerleader," both for her kids and for her friends. Her daughter Melanie, speaking at her funeral, remembered that her mother was always on the sidelines at athletic events and school functions, etc.

But of all the words that can describe Diane, "devoted" probably fits best. She was a devoted wife, a dearly devoted daughter and most of all, a total Mother in every way. She talked about her children as a way of starting every conversation. She lovingly called them "my babies." She also talked about Ray and constantly and proudly about her Mom until her recent death. But it was as a mother that she did her best work. She bequeathed to her children tremendous strength and the ability to love and share. As Melanie said at her house one evening, "I always called my Mom for advice about the kids or just about situations. I won't be able to do that now but she left me so much guidance that I'll be all right."

Diane's three daughters all spoke at her funeral, very lovingly and very capably. It was

a very special time and one of those wonderful moments when you could actually witness the spirit of someone live on after their death in their kids. Diane would have been so proud of them. As I looked around, I caught her in my mind's eye waving her arms and yelling excitedly "Did you see my babies? Weren't they great!" Yes Diane, absolutely. As we say in Greenbelt, they done good and so did you in raising them. At the reception, Ray Jr., Melanie and Amanda took turns singing and playing guitar while Jerriann cheered her support, all smiling and celebrating just like their Mom would have been. They were a picture of solidarity, supporting each other through their grief. That's just how Diane would have wanted it. She'll be missed but I'll remember her and that great smile and look for her spirit in future Greenbelt celebrations.

— Rick Ransom

Neal Haig Ewen Reception

A reception in memory of Neal Haig Ewen, who died on Sunday, April 22, 2007, will be held in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 27. At the invitation of his family, all who knew Neal are welcome to attend. Tea and cookies will be served.



Our sympathy to Raymond King and his family on the death of his wife and their mother, Diane.


Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Neal Ewen on Sunday, April 22, 2007. Despite fighting chronic illness, Neal volunteered at the ad desk of the News Review and enthusiastically played bridge and pinochle with groups in the Community Center. He will be missed.



Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Sunday	8:30 am	Traditional Service
Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Contemporary Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"



St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church
7010 Glenn Dale Road
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org


Sundays:	8:00 am	Simple, quiet Mass
	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!



Mishkan Torah Congregation
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM
except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:00 PM
Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Sunday minyon - 9:30 AM
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.
For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist



Hope Fellowship
... living life together

Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
Greenbelt Youth Center
99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)
April 29 Sermon: David and Absalom
Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
...living life together



Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

April 29, 10 a.m.
"Moving in the Spirit"
Paint Branch Chalice Dancers
with Tosha O'Neal, worship associate
Erika Triney Dance Theater Co. and Fine Dancing
— Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers





Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

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Sunday 8 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service



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Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

Raiders Score Big in First Season Game against CP



The Greenbelt Raiders girls U10 soccer team won their first game of the season with a 5-0 win over College Park #2. Madison Maragliano scored a “hat-trick” with three goals with assists from Teresa Smith, Julia Pedersoli and Elaina Perry. Pedersoli and Perry added a goal each. A “hat-trick” in soccer means a player has scored three goals. Jasmine Goggins and Perry shared goalie duties in the shut-out. Barbara Turnbull, Anina Commins and Sophie Bernheisel played outstanding defense. Jancy Samuel, Alexandra Sherman, Sarah McCarthy and Katie York anchored offense. Pictured, from left to right are Barbara Turnbull, Jancy Samuel, Elaina Perry, Sophie Bernheisel, Madison Maragliano and Jasmine Goggins.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of Tuesday, April 24, 2007

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Giants	2-0	Indians	3-0
Orioles	3-1	Cardinals	2-1
Athletics	0-2	Yankees	1-2
Tigers	0-3	Cubs	0-2

Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Games
Fri., April 27	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Orioles
Fri., April 27	7:00 p.m.*	Tigers vs. Athletics
Sat., April 28	10:00 a.m.	Cardinals vs. Cubs
Sat., April 28	1:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Yankees
Mon., April 30	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Cardinals
Tues., May 1	6:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Tigers
Wed., May 2	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Athletics
Thurs., May 3	6:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Cubs
Fri., May 4	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Yankees
Fri., May 4	7:00 p.m.*	Cardinals vs. Athletics
Sat., May 5	10:00 a.m.	Cubs vs. Orioles
Sat., May 5	1:00 p.m.	Tryouts/Rain Make-up

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted.
* These games will be played at Braden #2.

Community Events

Annual Jewelry Sale At Mishkan Torah

Mishkan Torah will hold a costume and vintage jewelry sale on Sunday, May 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Five years ago, when Patricia Boyle died, she made an unusual bequest. A life-long collector of costume jewelry, she left almost her entire collection to Mishkan Torah Synagogue. This was the beginning of the annual costume and vintage jewelry sale to benefit Mishkan Torah. Mishkan Torah is a small synagogue, the oldest one in Prince George’s County.

An unexpected result of the bequest was that some members of Mishkan Torah Sisterhood became interested in antique costume and vintage jewelry, deciding to make the jewelry sale an annual event. Additional jewelry has been donated. This annual event brings out collectors as well as others who just enjoy unusual finds. The sale is scheduled for just before Mother’s Day. Children can purchase gifts for their mothers at reasonable prices.

Mishkan Torah Synagogue is located at 10 Ridge Road.

Share details about your organization’s activities for the Community Events page.

The Post Recognizes GES Reading Club

The Washington Post recognized Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) teachers Beth Novick, Christy Carmichael and Liz Murray on April 19 for their special after-school book club at the school. The program was supported in the 2006-2007 school year by a grant from the newspaper.

The Washington Post Grants in Education average \$300 and are awarded for creative and innovative projects that enhance the standard curriculum.

Pull Weeds at Park

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants.

Come on Saturday, May 5 at 11 a.m. to the Sweetgum picnic area of the park.

This program will be the first Saturday of every month, come rain or shine. Wear appropriate clothing, bring work gloves and a lunch or snack.

The Greenbelt Park entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For information call 301-344-3944 or visit the park web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

GEAC Meets On Thursday

The next meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will be Thursday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Windsor Green.

GMST to Celebrate 50 Years Swimming

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GMST). The team is seeking photos or memorabilia from times past to display at the Aquatic Center, especially photos or stories from the first days, in the late 50s and early 60s.

GMST is soliciting information or, even better, photos from times past. They want to hear from past team members or coaches from 20 or more years ago and plan to write an article about the history or the team from what is learned.

They warn that anything given to them may not survive display, especially in the outdoor display case, so they do not want irreplaceable originals of old photos, only copies.

To contact the GMST send a letter to Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team, P.O. Box 491, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0491 or email swimteam@greenbelt.com.

Greener Greenbelt: Your Ideas, Our Future

An

Open House

Saturday, April 28
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

A visioning and brainstorming process
to ensure an affordable, sustainable
and livable community over the next thirty years –
anticipating Old Greenbelt’s 100th Anniversary.

This Open House is the first of several visioning events.

Creative activities and fun for all ages

Roosevelt Center

Rain or Shine

*Sponsored by GHI’s Green Ribbon Task Force and
the American Institute of Architects, Potomac Valley Chapter*

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



STOP, LOOK and LISTEN

As we see the flowers bloom and trees turn green, it reminds us of the one who created the serene nature in perfect harmony. It is our job now to keep this harmony in our dealings as well, as the Creator reminds us: "The sun and the moon follow courses (exactly) computed; and the herbs and the trees bow in adoration. And the skies He (God) has raised high, and He has set up the balance (of justice), in order that you may not transgress due balance. So establish weight with justice and fall not short in the balance!" – *The Holy Qur'an, 55:5-10*

This is the guidance sent forth to mankind by God through the last Prophet, Muhammad (peace be upon him). For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail info@searchislam.org or visit the website at www.islamguide.com.

CARES

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for an increase in the city's budget to fund a social work caseworker to deal with these increasing needs, an estimated \$52,000 to \$55,000.

Citizen Support

Several Greenbelt citizens, present at the meeting, endorsed the proposal. Sylvia Lewis, president of the board of GHI, said the staff of the housing cooperative are spending increasing amounts of time with issues involving elderly members.

Psychiatrist Dr. Leo Walder, speaking on behalf of GAIL, urged council to consider adding the recommended caseworker position. "Prevention is the cheaper way," he said.

Mayor Judith Davis said the city would add the recommendation to the "wish list." They would try to balance this need with other pressing issues confronting the city.

Finally the CARES group brought up the issue of homelessness as a growing component of the city's social problems. Historically CARES has worked with homeless persons who have sought assistance.

Dr. Park said that some Greenbelt residents are attempting to form a group to use the old post office site as a homeless shelter. "What more could the city do?" she asked. "What should the city do?"

Taking on such a commitment would be a huge task, all agreed. It would require "a huge cost," including staff and infrastructure. Davis agreed that such a project would have to be organized by professionals. "It would be good to find a place for them to stay so they would not stay in the Center. But you can't force them . . ."

Leonie Penney commented that many of the homeless find Greenbelt attractive because of all the trees.

Davis agreed that they are attracted here "by word of mouth. Greenbelt is a very attractive place," she said. "Word gets around."

Councilmember Leta Mach cautioned: "We need to look at the bigger picture. Greenbelt doesn't have the resources to deal with this problem." Others agreed. They felt that county, state and federal governments must address this important and growing problem.

City Council Hears Review of Museum Activities, Plans

by Virginia Beauchamp

Though last week's winds were raging outside during the Greenbelt City Council worksession on Monday evening, April 16 and every person present was perhaps stressed from dealing with income tax issues, the general feeling in the council chamber seemed to be pleasant – at some moments, even jocular.

At least that impression came through by means of the cable TV screen.

Worksessions are often not televised. But for this reporter – multi-tasking to deal with ongoing work and workers in my back yard securing a downed, and precariously leaning, 60-foot tree – the ability to be in two places at once was poignant.

This was the evening when council reviewed the work and future needs of the city's social service agencies and took note of other, special funds. And what a rich mix of activities was on the agenda.

Two programs under review have been ongoing, major commitments within the city – support and maintenance of the Greenbelt Museum and support of Greenbelt CARES. But the city also provides financial assistance to projects headquartered elsewhere – Meals on Wheels in College Park, which serves many Greenbelt residents, and Washington EAR, which offers a reading service for the visually impaired.

Budget items for both these services were first on the agenda and council reconfirmed its commitment at the same levels as for last year – \$600 for the former, \$1,000 for the latter. Some 18 boxes of meals – three meals per box – are delivered in Greenbelt five days a week.

Discussion of the CARES program, which occupied most of the meeting, will be handled in a separate article.

Greenbelt Museum

Besides the historic house on Crescent Road, the Greenbelt Museum keeps a large room on the second floor of the Community Center to serve both as office and storage space and a small room beside the Center's main office for exhibits. Jill St. John, museum curator, spoke on behalf of the facility.

She also introduced a part-time assistant, Megan Searing Young,

who began work in January as education/ volunteer coordinator. Young holds a master's degree from the Smithsonian's Decorative Arts program.

Much of the Greenbelt Museum's usual work had taken a hiatus in fall 2006 while the office windows were undergoing the drawn-out and complicated process of being replaced. Since both St. John and Young were pregnant, with babies expected in the fall, the former worked hard in late summer to inventory and store the room's contents off-site in advance of the window replacement work and the latter postponed taking on her museum appointment until after the December holidays.

Since completion of the window replacements, staff and volunteers have been able to reorganize the office, making it more functional, St. John said.

Despite the temporary closure of its Community Center office, many traditional programs of the museum continued – for example, the bi-monthly lecture series and the collection of oral histories of early residents. As usual, the museum house was open on Sundays; on other days, by appointment, docents offered

walking tours for school children and other interested groups.

An important addition to the museum collection was a donation of early artifacts from the family of Roy Braden, Greenbelt's first town manager.

Fundraising

A major accomplishment of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) was completing a three-year fundraising goal of \$100,000 by over \$3,000 to meet a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. These funds have made possible Young's position.

In addition, then-County Councilmember Douglas Peters contributed \$5,000, which is being used toward a special exhibit on fashions of the period.

The historic home had also served as backdrop for a film documentary, "Heart and Soul, the Life and Music of Frank Loesser," by a Silver Spring company. According to St. John, the museum archives are being "deluged with researchers." The organization needs to develop "a contract set-up," she said, to deal with this kind of activity.

The museum house also needs repairs, St. John said. Planned for October 2007 is a two-day

chautauqua to explore management objectives. FOGM also has a goal to increase its membership by some 30 percent. Membership now stands at 300.

Mayor Judith Davis, speaking of recently visiting a Rosy the Riveter Museum in Georgia, wondered if some kind of link might be established between these two museums, both commemorating roughly the same period.

Councilmember Konrad Herling took note of plans concerning a 60th anniversary celebration for baseball great Jackie Robinson, who had once played ball in Greenbelt. Herling wondered if the event could in some way be commemorated.

As discussion wound down, Davis expressed how "pleased and proud" she felt about the community's achievement of creating and developing the museum. In responding, St. John noted that Stephen Oetken was stepping down as FOGM president but would continue his association with the organization by taking over responsibility for the gift shop.

Herling then ended discussion with the museum representatives by applauding "the courage of those who started the museum."

Co. Schools Offer Referral Incentives


The Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) new Employee Referral Program which began March 29 gives employees incentives to actively recruit highly qualified teachers and employees to work at all levels in the school system. Contact the personnel office for more details.

Garden Tour

Amble through the newly opened National Garden with Nathan Cromley, U.S. Botanic Gardener, who will share stories about the plants and give tips on growing and maintenance on Wednesday, May 2 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the National Garden Lawn Terrace. Pre-registration is preferred. Call 202-225-8333.


Restoration Featured At Aviation Museum

On Saturday, May 5 noon to 4 p.m. take a short walk from the College Park Aviation Museum to the Restoration Facility to see the building of a reproduction 1911 Curtiss Pusher. Restoration Facility Manager John Liebl will be on hand to answer questions.



Greenbelt Arts Center
Presents

Agatha Christie's



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The Prosecution**

Directed by Richard Atha-Nicolls
April 27 – May 19, 2007

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www.greenbeltartscenter.org

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Arthritis Walk

Saturday, May 5th

9am-reg. – 10am-12n WALK & activities

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt

No pets are allowed to attend this event.

This is a **FUN** walk with NO distance requirements.

It's a **FREE community event** – no reg. fees.

Gift sales & fundraising activities will be available at the event.

Help Us Fight America's #1 Cause of Disability!

WALK-ins are **WELCOME** and can register at the event desk.

Pre-reg. at <http://pgcountyarthritismwalk.kintera.org>

Prince George's Arthritis Walk Committee

(301) 335-7689 or PGArthritisComm@aol.com

Arthritis Foundation (202) 537-6800 or www.arthritis.org

A final "dining out to fight arthritis" event is scheduled on May 14 – all day at Sir Walter Raleigh's 301-474-3420.

Sax Students Play

The 6th Annual University of Maryland Saxophone Symposium will hold a concert by students of the School of Music’s classical and jazz saxophone studios on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. in the Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The concert is free.

Jazz, Big Band Finale

On Wednesday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. the University of Maryland School of Music Jazz Lab Band, Jazz Ensemble and University Jazz Band present an free open-air spring celebration in the center courtyard of the Clarice Smith Center. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Kay Theater.

CHECK THIS OUT!

The University of Maryland School of Music has scheduled many free concerts and dance recitals that are open to the public. Four are identified for readers here. For more information, visit <http://www.music.umd.edu/>

New Music Concert

A free concert of new instrumental chamber music and computer music by UM composition students will take place at the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland. The concert will be held on Tuesday, May 1 at 8 p.m.

Koto Society Concert

More than 30 koto players in traditional Japanese kimonos celebrate the 35th Annual University of Maryland Koto Recital at the Gildenhorn Recital Hall on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. Music includes koto, bass koto, shakuhachi, shamisen, Japanese drum, Western flute, cello and voice.



City Information

Meetings for April 30-May 4

Monday, April 30, 7:30pm, City Council Budget Work Session with Public Safety at Muncipal Building (live on Channel 71).

Wednesday, May 2, 7:30pm, City Council Session re: NASA/ GSFC Briefing on Master Plan at Community Center. 8:00pm, with New Deal Café Board at Community Center.

Wednesday, May 2, 7:30pm, Advisory Planning Board at the Greenbelt Youth Center, Conference Room. Agenda items include: Review Concept Plans for Greenhill/Hillside Roads Outfall Stabilization and Stream Restoration Project and Receive Updates on Ongoing Planning/Development Projects.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board Senior Citizens Advisory Board Youth Advisory Committee For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Greenbelt Municipal/ Public Access Channel 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, April 30th at 8pm: City Council Budget Work Session w/ Recreation (live) Tuesday & Thursday, May 1 & 3: 6pm “Ask the Expert – Pain Management,” 6:30pm: “ACE Literary Showcase,” 8:00pm Replay of City Council Work Session PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, April 25 & 27: 7:00pm “Alex Martin’s Brazilian Quartet,” 8:00pm “Festival of the Song, Tom Bianchi”

Adult Pick-Up Soccer

Small-goal play for fun and exercise at Northway #2 field in Old Greenbelt. Sunday morning (9:30am - noon) and Thursday evening (6:30pm - dusk). Contact Andrew Phelan, Rec. Dept. 240-542-2194, or Joan Falcao, jmfalcao@verizon.net, for more information or just show up with your cleats.

\$5,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON SPRINGHILL LAKE FIRES

A few weeks ago, the Springhill Lake Community experienced electrical fires due to a wiring problem that has since been corrected. Unfortunately, there have been several additional small fires recently that have been suspicious. Investigators of the Prince George’s County Fire Department have determined that these fires are unrelated to the original electrical fires.

The City of Greenbelt, the Prince George’s County Fire Department, the Springhill Lake Management, and the entire Greenbelt community are concerned that someone is threatening the safety of Greenbelt residents. Springhill Lake management has added extra security patrols and is working with local authorities to track and prosecute those involved. The city is asking the community to band together and help identify anyone that could be involved in these suspicious fires.

If you have any information at all, no matter how minor you may feel it may be, please contact the Prince George’s County Fire Department Arson Hotline at 301-772-7766. Information can be shared anonymously. Please help us keep you, your family and your community safe.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Board of Appeals

Variance Application 06-003-V

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on May 1, 2007 at 7:30pm in the Greenbelt Community Center (Room 202), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD on an application filed by Ms. Patricia Eyenga for consideration of a request for a 3 foot variance from the 20 foot rear yard setback requirement for the purpose of validating an existing deck located at 6809 Landon Court, Greenbelt. For more information please contact Terri Hruby at 301-345-5417.

CITY OF GREENBELT

ANNUAL PET EXPO
SATURDAY, MAY 12TH
10:00AM-3:00PM
Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road
Rain or Shine

Come out for a fun filled and informative day for you, your family and your pet.

Pet Exhibits~Information~Groups and More!
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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AT 301-345-5417.

IT'S MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT 2007
FRIDAY, MAY 4TH
6:00PM
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

All are invited to watch our city's 6th graders compete in this annual contest!

For City Information visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER
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Class Dates:
May 7 thru June 1
Register NOW until classes fill.
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Children’s Lessons offered again this SUMMER!
Call 301 397-2204 for details or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

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CELEBRATION OF SPRING

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
2:00PM-6:00PM
SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER

FREE!!

MAKE AND TAKE ART PROJECTS:

Make a “Zanza” to keep! This simple “thumb piano” is inspired by a family of African instruments. Guest artist /keme will lead free hands-on workshops at 2:45 and 4:15pm.

HIP HOP DANCE CLINIC

MOONBOUNCES & OBSTACLE COURSES!

Yoga Demonstrations & Mini-Lessons

Experience the fun, funky side of yoga!!! Greenbelt Om will be giving demos and mini-lessons.

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Golden Age Club Celebrates 50 Years



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The Greenbelt Golden Age Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the Greenbelt Hilton Garden Inn on April 18 with over 120 members, former members and guests in attendance. Above, Mayor Judith Davis (2nd from left) read the City of Greenbelt congratulatory proclamation to club President Ellie Rimar (2nd from right) as Councilmembers Edward Putens, Konrad Herling, Rodney Roberts and Leta Mach (not in photo) look on.



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Florence Holly, a multiple past president, is the oldest Golden Ager at age 98.



PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

Some of the former Golden Age Club presidents gathered under the balloon decorations at the club's 50th Anniversary banquet. From left: Florence Holly, William Souser, Ellie Rimar, H. "Bud" Hinson, Jr., Irene Hensel and Ima Davis.



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Former Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and his wife Micki, who came from Annapolis, were among those attending the Golden Age banquet. Also at the table, (l. to r.) were Bernina McGee Giese, Lydia Goldstein, Solange Hess, Jerriann King and Bea McCarthy.

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ese commented on the recently released study by the nonprofit organization, 1,000 Friends of Maryland. A 40-page analysis of the ICC's financial and land-use impacts describes the highway as "the most expensive project under discussion in Maryland."

The nonprofit organization requests a hold on ICC plans until, for example, a further analysis is completed of the highways' funding package and whether the funds could be utilized more efficiently.

Dru Schmidt-Perkins, executive director of 1,000 Friends of Maryland, noted: "We need to step back, evaluate priorities and ensure the state is using limited money most effectively. If there was ever a time to take another look, this is the time."

Still another issue needing review deals with infrastructure needs around Fort Meade and Aberdeen to accommodate the thousands of additional personnel expected to be transferred to these two military bases, a recommendation by the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC). Both the governor and state and local leaders gave base realignment a high priority for the state.

Eminent Domain

Meanwhile the SHA awaits a ruling from the judge in a suit it filed early this year dealing with laws of eminent domain. The state wants to take legal possession of those properties needed for the first leg (Phase 1) of the ICC between Interstate 270 and Georgia Avenue (Route 97) in Montgomery County. (Some – but not all – properties have been acquired.)

This action is needed for the first phase of construction of the ICC (about 7.2 miles) which, Buck notes, is now expected to take place in late August or the fall of 2007.

When completed, the \$2.4 billion (without financing costs) six-lane, 18-mile toll highway will eventually connect Interstate 270 in Montgomery County to Interstate 95/Route 1 in Prince George's County.

A \$478.7 million contract was awarded for the first of five phases of construction of the highway. The first section will reach from I-270/370 to Georgia Avenue, including the Georgia Avenue Interchange and is scheduled to open in late 2010. The entire 18-mile ICC is scheduled for completion by 2012.

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of Police. He said that many employees were asking whether they needed to seek to bargain as well in order to protect their interests.

McLaughlin noted that he cannot really discuss the contract, as it has not yet been ratified. He pointed out, however, that information about the results of the negotiations is included in the budget document, which is available on the city's website. He also noted that council has made clear it wants to treat all employees equitably and that he has tried to work that result into the budget proposal. He agreed that employee briefings would be useful once the contract is ratified.

Like other city departments, Public Works is also facing a wave of retirements. Two senior members, Assistant Director Bill Phelan and Administrative Associate Antoinette Conrad are retiring within the next year. Many others, including himself, Hall said, are eligible to retire within two years. He assured councilmembers that the staff is well trained, so the department will be able to maintain its level of services despite the projected retirements.

Hall showed off a picture of the new playground at Frankfort Drive, which he said was the third upgrade this year. One, at 1 Court Southway, was basically a replacement of surfacing material with new equipment purchased. The other, on South Ora Court, was funded in part by a grant from KaBoom. Hall said that additional playground construction is on hold while the city waits for decisions on grants.

Landscaping

Contractual landscaping work is off to a better start this year, Phelan said, as the contractor better understands the city's standards and needs. City crews still maintain the ballfields and larger parks, which are better suited for the large equipment the city owns. Use of the contractors also frees up city crews to do preventive maintenance and to keep up with other tasks.

Council was also interested in the photo Hall showed of the rain barrels under the eaves of the Youth Center beside the skate park. Phelan said that four barrels will catch runoff from the Youth Center roof. Runoff from the skate park will be funneled through a rain garden. A second rain garden will filter runoff from the Youth Center parking lot.

During summer months, Phelan said, the rain barrels will provide water for irrigation. In winter, the valves will be left slightly

open so the water drains slowly and reduces the surge that occurs with unrestricted runoff.

Recycling

A protracted discussion of recycling then took place. Recycling Coordinator Cindy Murray noted that the drop-off center in Greenbelt East has become very popular.

Davis asked whether it would be possible for the city to recycle compact fluorescent bulbs. Murray said that county recycling centers will accept these bulbs. In order for the city to do so, she said, it would have to be certified to handle hazardous waste, which she said would be very expensive.

Councilmember Edward Putens expressed concern that with rising gas prices some private refuse haulers may be throwing the recyclables in with the trash to reduce costs. McLaughlin said that the city does not have the legal authority to police private haulers.

Among initiatives the department plans to pursue in the coming year are mutual aid agreements with other cities' public works departments, which would allow Greenbelt to get reimbursed when it assists another community after a disaster; planting trees on Hanover Parkway, Lakeside Drive, Northway and Woodland Way; resurfacing Periwinkle, Lynbrook and Julian Courts; and looking into establishing fees for large special trash collections.

While not technically part of the Public Works budget, the Greenbelt Connection is operated by the department. The FY08 budget shows a large increase in the subsidy needed to operate the bus. The proposed budget calls for city taxpayers to pick up \$82,500 of the \$89,000 cost, versus the \$55,800 of the \$61,800 cost in the FY07 budget.

Hall explained that the increase reflects a change in the salary and benefits of the driver. When the previous driver left the department, a long-term employee took over at a higher salary and benefits. Hall cautioned council that they should not expect the number of trips for the bus to increase much, as it is operating just about at capacity.

Davis asked about a "Partners in Parks" brochure she had received at a conference. This program is similar to the "Adopt-A-Highway" programs. McLaughlin said that most programs involve signage, which council has been reluctant to add, while Phelan expressed doubts about the department's ability to coordinate a large volunteer program with existing staff.

UM Museum Shows Iranian Photography

"Persian Visions: Contemporary Photography from Iran" is in the first major exhibition of contemporary Iranian photography in the U.S. and includes more than 60 works of photography and video installations by 20 of Iran's most celebrated photographers.

Through Sunday, April 29 the University of Maryland Art Gallery will host this exhibit at the Art/Sociology Building. The gallery hours will be Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 29 only 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 301-405-2763 or visit www.artgallery.umd.edu.



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The New Dimensions, a women's choral group based in Riverdale, sang for the Golden Age 50th Anniversary Banquet. Lynn Doyle, a member of the club and of the choral group, performed solo in one number. Another Greenbelter performing with the group is Ginnie Wells (2nd from left).

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Shooting Incident

A patron leaving TGIFriday’s on Saturday, April 21 about 12:30 a.m. was shot twice while walking toward the parking lot in the rear of the restaurant. A passenger got out of a car, shot the victim in the neck and leg, got back in the car and left. The car is described as an old dark maroon 4-door. The victim was transported to Prince George’s General Hospital with injuries believed to be non-life threatening. Contact the Greenbelt Police with any information concerning the shooting.

Burglaries

Burglaries or attempted burglaries were reported in the following areas: 6100 block Springhill Terrace where the front door of a residence was forced open. Nothing appears to have been taken. 6200 block Breezewood Court where a bedroom window was broken out. It is not known if anything was taken. 6200 block Springhill Court where a locked laundry room was broken into. Nothing was taken. 9100 block Edmonston Court. A vacuum cleaner, toys, books, video tapes and computer accessories were taken. A second residence in that block was entered through an unlocked bedroom window. A laptop computer and a video game player were taken.

Other Crimes

April 16, 10 a.m., Gardenway side of the Spellman Overpass. Indecent exposure. A man approached a woman and attempted to strike up a conversation with her while exposing himself to her. The woman walked away and the suspect followed her until she shouted to some nearby maintenance men for assistance, at which time the man ran away. He is described as a black male, 19 to 20 years of age, 5’9” with a medium build, black hair and brown eyes.

April 16, 4 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Disorderly conduct arrest. Officers responded to a report of a large fight in progress in the 9200 block of Springhill Lane. When officers

arrived, the crowd moved to the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace where the hostilities resumed. The crowd was again broken up, at which time a 17-year-old Greenbelt youth refused several orders to leave the area and was arrested. He was released to a relative pending action by the juvenile justice system.

April 16, 8 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. Arson. Unknown person(s) attempted to set a fire in the laundry room of an apartment building.

Drug Violations/Arrests

April 19, 8:27 p.m., area of Springhill Lane and Springhill Drive. Following a traffic stop a 28-year-old resident was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and driving on a learner’s permit without the proper supervision.

Stolen Cars

April 16, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 1992 Saturn SL1 4-door was stolen and recovered the next day in Edmonston. No arrests. The tags on the vehicle, Maryland 6CDE29, were not recovered and are still out as stolen.

April 16, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. A gold 1995 Saturn SC 2-door, Maryland tags 6AXK53.

April 18, 200 block Lakeside Drive. A white 1994 Dodge Ram 2500 truck, Maryland tags 10T196.

April 20, 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A maroon 1988 Ford LTD 4-door, Maryland tags 8BGK40.

April 12, 6100 block Breezewood Court. Unauthorized use. A blue 2006 Toyota Corolla 4-door, Maryland tags 6CAH04. A warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man.

Thefts from or vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6000 block Springhill Drive (two incidents), Beltway Plaza, 6400 block Ivy Lane (two incidents), 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, 9200 block Springhill Lane, 7900 block Mandan Road, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.

Crime in 2006 Is Down But Robberies Increase

by James Giese

For the fourth year in a row, crime in Greenbelt, as measured by Class I offenses (the more serious kind) has decreased according to data compiled by the Greenbelt Police Department. The total of 1,275 recorded offenses in the city is 13 percent less than for the previous year and 27 percent less than in the year 2002. The decrease is reflected primarily in a reduction in property crimes, theft, burglary and auto theft.

In the four-year period auto thefts fell 43 percent, breaking and entering fell 37 percent and other thefts declined 25 percent.

Crimes against persons also decreased by 11 percent in 2006, primarily in a significant decrease in the number of assaults reported; in 2005 this crime had risen dramatically. The 2006 count of 45 was almost half the 86 recorded the previous year.

However, the story is different for robberies. This is the third year in a row in which increases have been recorded, with the number rising from 80 in calendar year 2003 to 158 in 2006, almost doubling. The homicide rate in Greenbelt appears to be fairly steady, with between one and three recorded each year and two recorded this past year.

There were fewer reported rapes (six) this past year, than in any of the recent years. The highest number was recorded in 2002 at 14.

More than half of all city crime occurs in Greenbelt West, that part of the city that includes the Springhill Lake apartments and the Beltway Plaza shopping mall. Greenbelt East, the area to the east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway that includes Greenway Center, accounts for 28 percent of city crime and Greenbelt Center accounts for 17 percent. The amount of crime in Greenbelt West has dropped by 36 percent since 2002 and somewhat less in the other two sectors.

Other Measures

Other measures of police activity have also decreased in the past year. Both arrests of adults and juveniles have fallen in the past year. In 2006 there were 717 adult arrests and 279 juvenile arrests as compared to 854

and 362 respectively the previous year.

The rate of closure of crimes also dropped, however, with the 2006 rate being 13 percent.

The department recorded a high of 18 percent in 2004.

The issuance of traffic summons was at a three-year low at 3,039, as compared to 3,702 in 2005. Fewer than half as many parking tickets were issued – 527 – than for the previous year’s 1,244.

Positive indicators include the number of motor vehicle accidents reported, a five-year low of 1,147. The number of calls for police service was down by eight percent and the number of reports filed by police officers dropped by 17 percent.

On Average

Based on the police statistics, the following reflects the on-average occurrence in Greenbelt of various information recorded. A homicide occurs every six months. A rape occurs once every two months. About four assaults occur every month. Two burglaries either to businesses or to residences occur every week. Three robberies take place each week. Two cars are stolen every three days. Two reports of stolen property are filed nearly every day. Over three motor vehicle accidents occur each day.

Almost two crimes are reported daily in Greenbelt West, less than one daily in Greenbelt East and only one crime every five days in Greenbelt Center.

In addition 19 persons are arrested weekly by police. There are 92 requests for police service daily. Excluding command officers, the average police officer writes two reports every three days, with an average total of 34 reports written daily. There are 58 traffic summons written weekly, more than eight a day. But there are only 10 parking tickets written a week, less than one and one-half a day.

City Notes

Planning staff reports that remediation is scheduled to start in two weeks regarding the drainage problem at the new postal facility on Hanover Parkway.

Public Works’ special details crew installed crosswalk signs on Ridge Road and Lastner Lane and on Ivy Lane in Capital Office Park and transported metal scraps to the recycling facility in Bladensburg.

The horticulture crew transported and placed stone in the swale at the new rain garden at the Youth Center.

Parks crews made and re-installed the wood entrance sign for Greenspring Park and for Hamilton Cemetery.

Refuse and recycling collected 34.67 tons of refuse and 15.58 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

Youth Center staff reports that the general contractor for the Skate Park came out to make repairs from the punch list for the project. The Skate Park was closed to the public from April 18 through April 22 while the work was being done. Currently there are 268 registered members of the skate park, 79 are residents.

CARES says goodbye this week and next to three MSW interns who have completed their field instruction placements. Davina Richardson-Asson and Anita Smith from the University of Maryland at Baltimore and Justin Moore from Howard University completed internships in CARES counseling program, GAIL and GED/Volunteer tutoring programs. Richardson-Asson held the final skills group at Springhill Lake Elementary school. The interns’ topics focused on anger management and decision making. This semester’s group was much more collaborative. The intern took a different approach by involving the students’ teachers by asking for their feedback and suggestions on areas of concern that they would like to see addressed. The teachers gave positive feedback about individual student progress or use of skills learned. They felt that the group was a success.

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Arthritis Walk at ERHS May 5

by Jean Mattie, Walk Co-chair

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Participants with arthritis will be recognized and lead off the walk's banner-breaking start.

Morning refreshments and plenty of water will be available for walkers after they check-in. Goodie bags will be distributed at the information and resource tables. Since this is a "free" event, the walkers must "earn" their event T-shirt by collecting a minimum of \$100 in collected donations. The website for prizes can be viewed by visiting www.arthritis.org and clicking on the prize icon. To pre-register click in the walk icon, choose MD. The Greenbelt site is first on the list. There will be door prizes. For more information contact the Prince George's Arthritis Walk Committee at 301-335-7689, email at PGArthritisComm@aol.com or the Washington office of the Arthritis Foundation at 202-537-6800.

The "Dining Out to Fight Arthritis" program has held two events in March and April at Sir Walter Raleigh Restaurant. A percentage of sales for the day is being donated by owner Jerry Cosker, who has arthritis himself and originally dedicated his participation to his mother's memory for all the trials and hardships that she endured from her own arthritis. Generous donations help to finance research for a cure to educate instructors of support classes, aquatics and exercise classes specifically tailored for people with arthritis. A "Dining Out" finale will be held at Sir Walter Raleigh on Monday, May 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Street Fest Sunday In Old Town Bowie

Visit the small town charm of Old Bowie at their annual Antique and Craft Street Fest on Sunday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 100 outdoor vendors will add many novelties to the always interesting antique stores for perusal by visitors. The Railroad Museum will be open and a special birds of prey program will be sponsored by the Wild Bird Center.

Good fun and good food will be available for everyone in the family. Musical interludes will occur in the "bluebird" park.

Md. Managers Meet For Spring Conference

The Maryland City and County Management Association's annual spring conference was held in Greenbelt April 18 to 20 with City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin and Assistant Manager David Moran serving as hosts. The professional association includes city and county managers and administrators from throughout the state; representatives from as far as both Cumberland and Ocean City were in attendance. The event was held at the Greenbelt Hilton Garden Inn and the Greenbelt Community Center.

Mayor Judith Davis officially welcomed the group to the city. Greenbelt City Solicitor Robert Manzi and Maryanne Anthony of Integrity Solutions led the first seminar on the do's and don'ts of electronic messaging. At a noon luncheon Maryland Secretary of Transportation John Pocari spoke on state transportation opportunities and challenges.

Other programs dealt with the benefits of "building green" and a review of Daniel Pink's book on changing society, "A Whole New Mind."

Former Greenbelt City Manager James Giese gave a talk on the history of Greenbelt followed by a walking tour led by Jill St. John and Megan Searing Young of the Greenbelt Museum.

The group also held business meetings. Paul Folkers, assistant chief administrative officer of Montgomery County, was elected president of the association, succeeding Catherine Tuck Parish, deputy city manager of Rockville.



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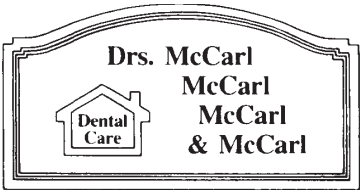
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Above, the Greenbelt Baseball parade forms by the Aquatic & Fitness Center. The top team and the runner up from last year's Greenbelt Baseball get to ride on the fire truck.



Far right, Councilmember Konrad Herling throws a perfect strike across the plate. Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach were also given the opportunity to pitch.

– photos by Edith Beauchamp

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Greenbelt Celebrates Earth Day as Nature Smiles

by Robin Everly

This year Earth Day was celebrated in Greenbelt with the planting of a rain garden around the front of the Youth Center. The Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC) sponsored the event. Afterward an Arbor Day Tree Planting and ceremony took place in the same location and the Public Works Department hosted an open house at its facility.

Mother Nature was kind to the over 50 participants who came out to help plant viburnum shrubs, daylilies, liriope and nandina among many other plants. She provided a long-overdue warm and sunny spring day.

According to REAC Chair Neal Barnett, in the past the committee has sponsored events that provided entertainment but in recent years has organized plantings such as this one. Previous plantings have taken place around the Greenbelt lakeshore and the Crescent Road underpass by Hillside Road.

The rain garden consists not only of plants selected for their ability to tolerate wet conditions but also of four rain barrels recently installed by the Public Works crews. Each rain barrel has a holding capacity of 550 gallons.

According to Assistant Director of Public Works Bill Phelan, the rain barrels are designed to handle a one-inch storm event and provide an alternative storm management system around the Youth Center. The Earth Day plantings will become an efficient biological machine to break down or trap pollutants such as oil, grease, nutrients and heavy metals that would otherwise wash into streams from paved surfaces.

A multi-generational group of Greenbelters and those living in the surrounding area came out and got the plants into the ground by 11:15 a.m., 45 minutes ahead of schedule. Among the participants digging away in the soil were Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Leta Mach and Rodney Roberts. Junior Miss Greenbelt Jazmin Kienas, Little Miss Greenbelt Molly Jankowski and First Alternate Jade Kienas were also in attendance.

Among several groups of children, one came from the Earth Squad at Mother Jones Elementary School in Adelphi. They selected Greenbelt's event as their Earth Day activity.

According to one of the coordinators, Bill Cahalan, the Earth Squad provides a way for kids



On Friday Vanessa Zanin's 6th grade science classes from Greenbelt Elementary School participated in an Earth Day cleanup at Buddy Attick Park. After the cleanup and a picnic lunch at the park, the classes went to the Recycling Drop-Off Center to separate their trash from recyclables. The classes also met with Cindy Murray, city recycling coordinator, who thanked them for their cleanup efforts and answered questions about recycling.

living in an urban area to get out and do activities in a rural setting. Everyone seemed to enjoy himself or herself, whether it was working the soil and getting one more plant into the ground or just taking a break and talking to fellow participants.

After the planting Davis, wearing an original 1970 Earth Day button, made remarks thanking several people and remarking how efficiently everyone worked together. Phelan commented during the mayor's remarks, "It is the first real rain garden the city has put in."

Davis also announced that REAC's Greenbelt Celebrates Earth Day T-shirt design contest winner was Makayla Bryan, daughter of Cindy and John Boyd. She is a seventh-grade student from Greenbelt Middle School.

Bryan was presented with a \$100 gift certificate from REI. She was excited about winning the contest. Her colorful design features a happy Earth with the caption "Happy Earth Day 2007."

The design was one of 60 entries submitted to REAC this year. All Earth Day participants received a free Earth Day T-shirt.

Rain Barrels

The event concluded with Phelan explaining the environmental importance of both the rain barrels and the rain gardens. According to Phelan, savings in water usage is a benefit but not the main reason to install a barrel. Catching storm water runoff and preventing it from going into streams and causing soil erosion



Junior Miss Greenbelt Jazmin Kienas and Little Miss Greenbelt Molly Jankowski planting away in the rain garden.



is the real reason.

The clay soils in our area are especially high in phosphorus, he said. Phosphorus running into streams stimulates plant growth and decreases water quality for the animals that live in the streams and lakes. Likewise rain gardens pull out 95 percent of the pollutants that would normally reach a stream through runoff.

Arbor Day Tree Planting

The Arbor Day Tree planting sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) got underway around noon. Councilmember Edward Putens joined the mayor and other councilmembers to plant a colossus magnolia in the rain garden in front of the Youth Center building and three porcelain dove magnolias on the hill between the Skate Park and Community Center.

ACT committee members Charles Jackman and Bob Trumbule, also in attendance, assisted with the planting. Maryland State Forester Teshome Mathias presented the Growth Award to Davis, marking the seventh year the city has been designated a Tree City USA.

Open House

The Public Works Department also held its annual Open House on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Approximately 200 participants enjoyed viewing the Greenbelt Connection bus, dump trucks of various sizes, front-end loaders and mowers that were on display and touring the greenhouse. Public Works staff answered questions about the responsibilities of the department and its expansion project. Afterward participants lunched on hot dogs, chips and snacks and children enjoyed the free coloring books, crayons, stickers and balloons.

Public Works Director Kenny Hall commented, "Great turnout and a good time was had by all."

(Cindy Murray contributed to this story.)

The ability to make lasting progress in protecting the environment is dependent upon our ability to make every day "Earth Day."



Recycling Chairman Neil Barnett helps the children from Mother Jones Elementary School's Earth Squad put in plants and shrubs.

At left, Makayla Bryan's winning T-shirt design – courtesy of Stitchin It Embroidery & Screen Printing

Tip of the Week

Programmable Thermostat For Energy Savings in GHI

by Harriette Phelps

This is the fourth in a series of tips from the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Sustainable Design and Practices Ad Hoc Committee.

GHI residents probably received a shock from their PEPCO bills in March. This was due to several reasons including temperatures requiring more intensive use of electric baseboard heating – the inevitable result of which was a higher electric bill. The economic (and environmental) reasons for cutting home heating bills are greater than ever.

One way to find out how much home energy costs can be reduced is to complete a "Do It Yourself Energy Audit Tool" of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory at <http://hes.lbl.gov>. This site asserts that "investing in a home on your street could be more profitable than investing on Wall Street." I completed the personalized home energy survey on that site and found the two most cost-effective recommendations listed for my two-bedroom brick interior GHI home with addition were (1) investing in a programmable thermostat and (2) checking for leaks. In response I went looking for a programmable thermostat. A programmable thermostat is only applicable in those GHI homes with wall-mounted GHI thermostats – which not all of us have. I found only one programmable thermostat in the U.S. that can be used with our 240v baseboard electric heaters. It is sold by Smarthome for \$59.95 (www.smarthome.com/300607b.html) and also by Honeywell for \$69.95 (www.honeywellthermostat.com/honeywell/TL8230A1003-thermostat.html).

The thermostat on my living room wall lets me program its baseboards for two different temperatures at four different

times over a day. Baseboard heat cools and warms a room slowly so to cool at night and warm up in the morning the thermostat setting had to be two hours in advance of the desired time for a change. My only other heat source is a hand-controlled floor radiant heater (Costco) in my addition.

I have been trying out this programmable thermostat for over four months now but am not sure I can recommend it for GHI home energy savings. Why, since PEPCO says every degree you lower your thermostat could save you about 3 percent on your heating bill? Though the thermostat was readily installed by GHI fee-for-service, its installation cost was three times the purchase cost. My thermostat was easy to use with advice from Smarthome but because of our unusually warm January this year I could not tell if it had caused my reduced electrical use. I would need to compare my KWH use over the last entire winter with that of other interior GHI brick homes with additions to tell how much difference the new thermostat made. Finally, GHI will be changing the present electric heating system in a few years.

Whether or not to install one or more programmable room thermostats in a GHI home will depend on what one considers to be a reasonable payback period for the product and installation cost, and how much one enjoys the convenience of having one. But any reduction in use of coal-fired electricity is a plus, no matter the size of the savings.